

G-IV-C-046

mid-late 19th c.

Charles E. Becker House

Swanton

Private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles E. Becker House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Walnut Bottom Rd. - N side, 2.2 miles E of MD Route 135

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles E. Becker

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

820 Kingston Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
MD 21220**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 229

Folio #: 225

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles E. Becker House is located on the north side of Walnut Bottom Road approximately 2.2 miles east of its junction with Maryland Route 135. The house and a barn are situated at the end of a dirt lane .3 mile from the road.

The house is a two story, gable-roofed building on a foundation of roughly squared stone that has several cinderblock repairs. The thickness of the walls seems to indicate that the first floor is constructed of log while the extreme thinness of the second floor suggests plank construction. No structural members are visible to confirm this, however. Its basic configuration is a 4 bay by 1 bay rectangular plan measuring 44 feet by 18 feet. The interior is divided into 2 rooms of equal size.

Four over four sash windows pierce the facade of the building. (S elevation) The rear is lit by a single six over six sash on the first floor and by four, four-pane and two-pane windows on the second floor. A single four over four sash window pierces the west endwall and a picture window has been installed in the east endwall. Asbestos shingle siding covers the exterior of the building. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a plain box cornice. An interior brick stove chimney is located on the north side of the ridgeline between the two rooms. Both the facade and rear porches were added ca. 1960 when the house was remodeled.

A frame gable-roofed bank barn lies southwest of the house. It rests on a dry laid, squared stone foundation with hewn sills half-lapped at the corners. The frame is covered with vertical board.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Title Search9 August 1960

Liber 229, Folio 225

Grantees: Charles E. Becker and Evelyn R. Becker

Grantor: Michael F. Fitzpatrick

- 1 - Military Lot No. 48, 50 acres more or less, is part of a tract of land called "Onward" which was patented by the State of Maryland to Henry M. Fitzhugh and William G. Thomas, 3 October 1854.
- 2 - Part of a tract called "Pennington" which was patented by the State of Maryland to Patrick Hamill, 16 May 1887 (metes and bounds given), 40 acres.
- 3 - Approximately 2 acres of land adjoining the above described land, occupied and held by the grantor and her predecessors in title by possession, and which said piece so held is within the enclosure of the said party of the first part and has been so held and enclosed for more than 50 years.

5 May 1955

Liber 189, Folio 389

Grantee: Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Grantor: Blanche C. Sharpless

28 April 1916

Liber 70, Folio 237

Grantees: Jesse Sharpless and Blanche C. Sharpless

Grantors: William O. Barnard and Louisa N. J. Barnard

Consideration: \$1,400.00

- 1 - (same as above)
- 2 - (same as above)
- 3 - Also about 2 acres of land adjoining the above described land, occupied and held by the parties hereto of the first part by possession, and which said piece so held is within the enclosure of the parties of the first part and by their Grantors for more than twenty years.

23 May 1911

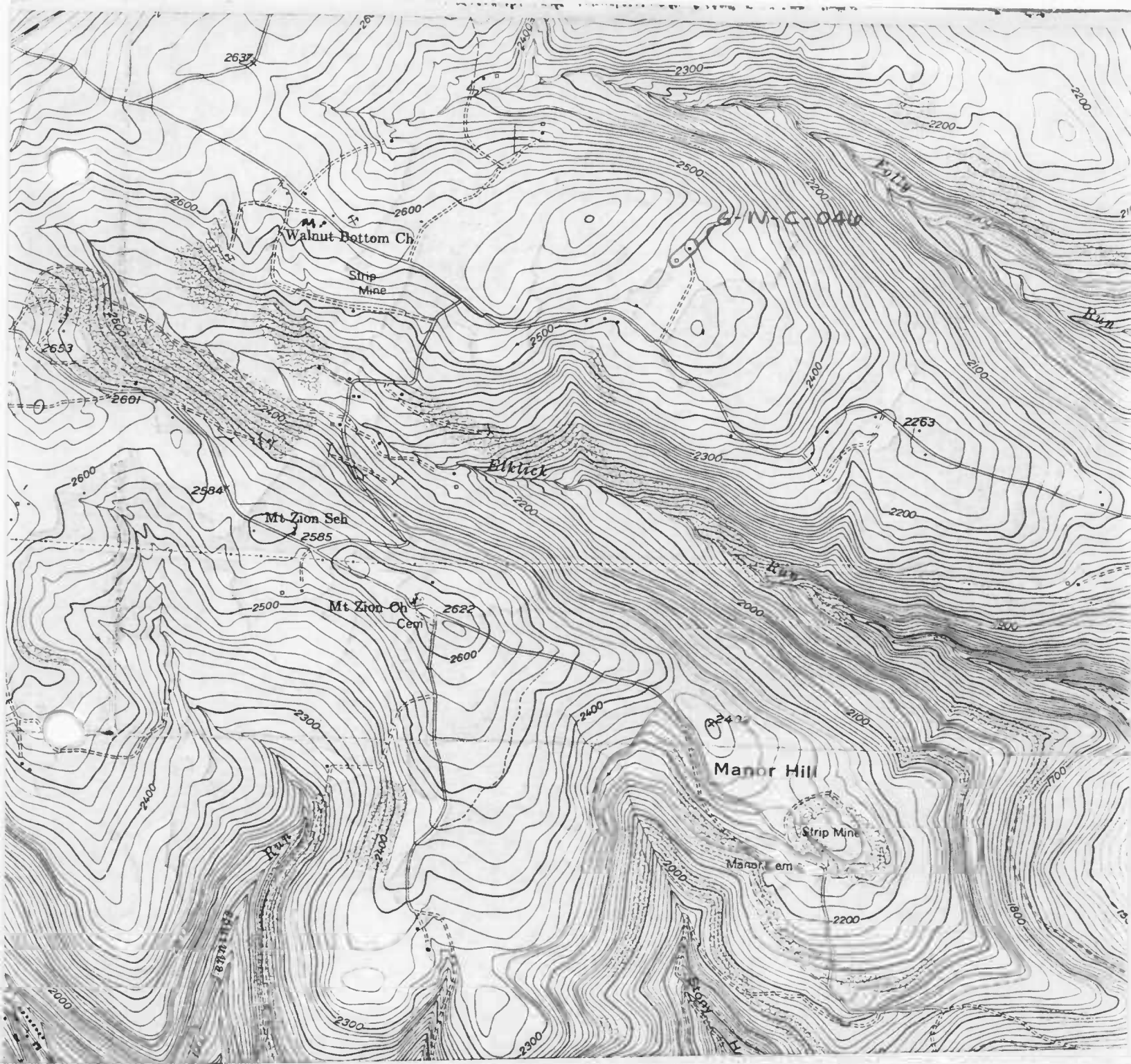
Liber 62, Folio 375

Grantee: William O. Barnard

Grantors: A. M. T. Warnick and Margaret C. Warnick

Consideration: \$1,850.00

- 1 - Conveyed to A.M.T. Warnick by George W. Tichinell and wife 24 March 1893 - Liber 23, Folio 534
- 2 - Conveyed to A.M.T. Warnick by the Jefferson Coal Co. 13 February 1894 - Liber 24, Folio 15



Kitzmiller, Md. - W.Va. Quad  
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series  
 1948, photorevised 1974  
 scale 1:24000

site no. : G-IV-C-046  
 Charles E. Becker House  
 N side of Walnut Bottom Rd.

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2 G.I.V.C.OAU

log house?

front + rear porch added after 1961  
remodeled after 1961 - covered logs, openings intact

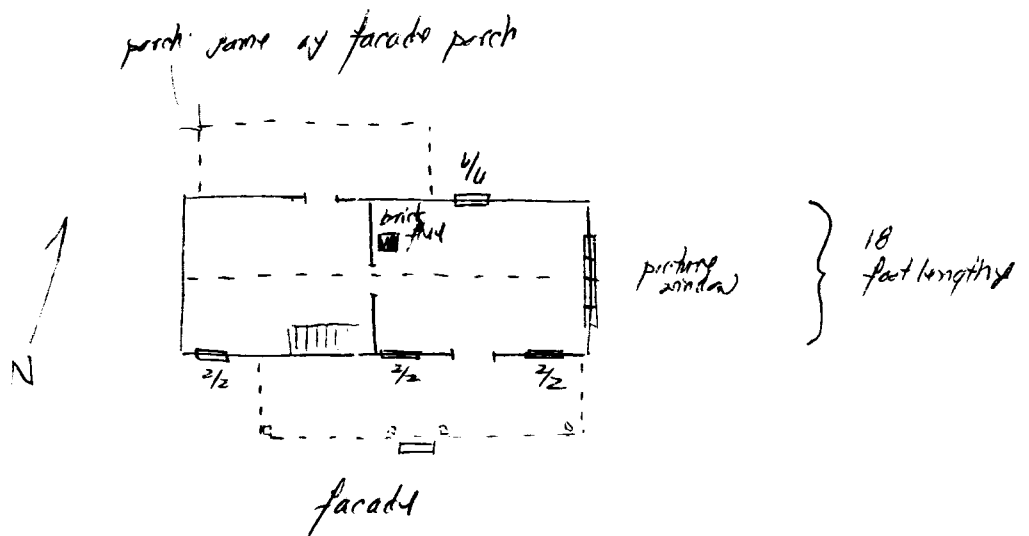
Charley E. Becker  
820 Kingston Rd. ~~the~~ block  
Baltimore, Md. 21220

} annex

interior - remodeled w/  
paneling, no details  
remain but room  
partition was left  
intact

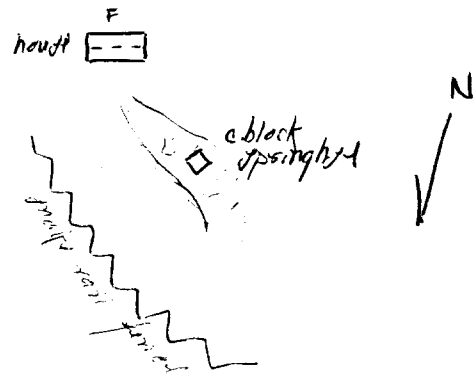
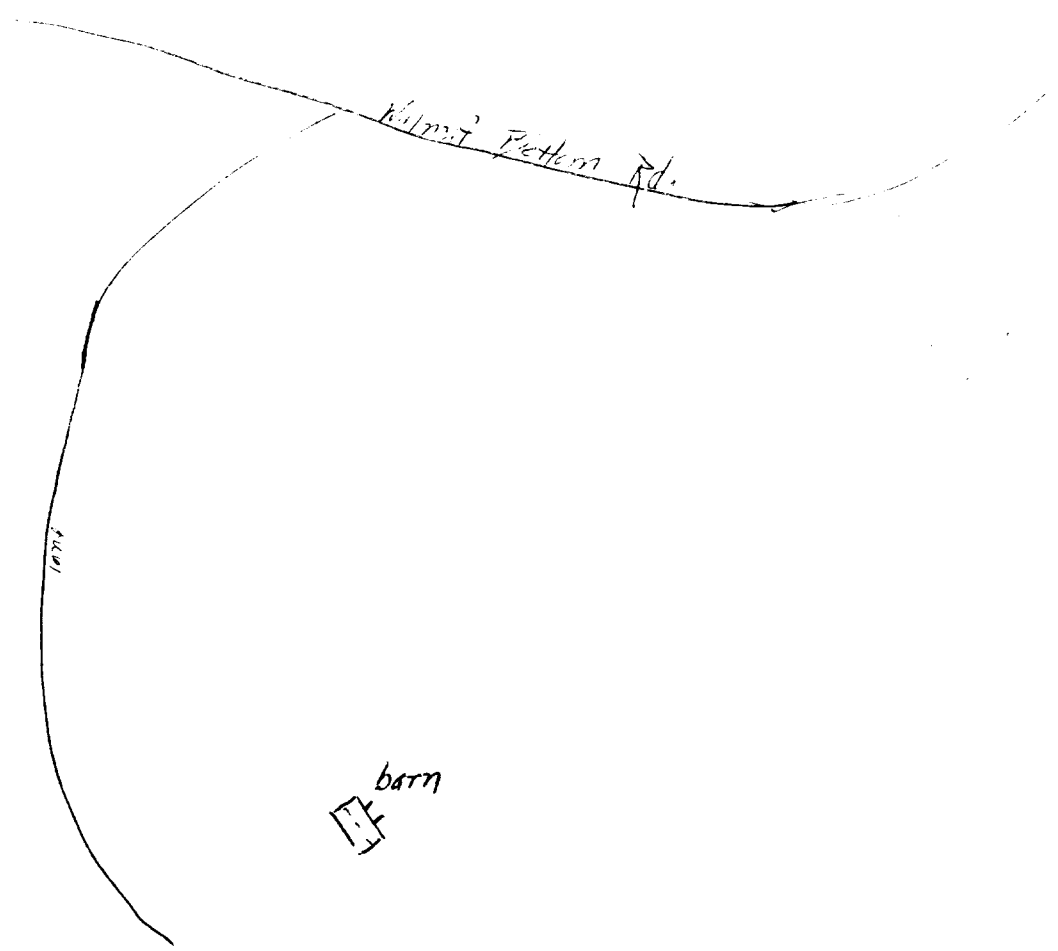
log on 1<sup>st</sup> floor, frame on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
stone f. w/ cinder block repairs  
ext. walls, asphalt shingle, 2 1/2 pitch  
gable roof (asphalt shingle) box cornice

☐ window on 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. rear



porch: after 1961, c. block por f. shed roof 11 foot length





barn: 1g. 2g. covered stone f. near mill (~~topped corner~~)  corner f. 1/2

frank upper



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Facade, S elev.



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Rear, N elev.